
SENATE BILL No. 231

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-2.2.

Synopsis: Minors and public transportation. Provides that a child less than 16 years of age may travel by public transport to a nonadjacent county only if the minor provides the entity that operates the public transport with written permission to travel.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2009 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-2.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A
2 **NEW** ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2010]:

4 **ARTICLE 2.2. TRANSPORTATION OF MINORS**

5 **Chapter 1. Application**

6 **Sec. 1. This article only applies to travel that commences in**
7 **Indiana.**

8 **Sec. 2. This article does not apply to travel that occurs in**
9 **Indiana if the travel is the continuation of travel that began outside**
10 **Indiana.**

11 **Sec. 3. This article does not apply to the extent it is preempted**
12 **by federal law.**

13 **Sec. 4. This article does not apply to a passenger whose travel**
14 **begins in a state other than Indiana.**

15 **Sec. 5. This article does not apply to travel that begins and ends**
16 **within one (1) county, or to travel that begins in one (1) county and**
17 **ends in an adjacent county.**



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Chapter 2. Definitions

Sec. 1. As used in this article, "public transport" means any form of transportation that offers transportation to the general public.

Chapter 3. Transportation of Minors Less Than Sixteen Years of Age

Sec. 1. A child less than sixteen (16) years of age may travel by public transport only if the parent or guardian of the child gives written consent in accordance with this chapter.

Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to all forms of public transport in which:

(1) use of the means of public transport requires the purchase of a ticket; and

(2) the ticket is personally sold by a ticket agent or other person to a passenger.

(b) A person may sell a ticket for public transport to a child less than sixteen (16) years of age only if a parent or legal guardian of the child:

(1) is present at the time the ticket is purchased; and

(2) provides written permission for the child to purchase the ticket for public transport.

(c) The owner or operator of the means of public transport shall preserve the written permission provided by the parent or guardian for at least one (1) year.

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to all forms of public transport in which:

(1) use of the public transport does not require the purchase of a ticket; or

(2) the ticket for public transport is not personally sold by a ticket agent or other person to a passenger.

(b) A person may not permit a child less than sixteen (16) years of age to commence travel by public transport unless a parent or legal guardian of the child:

(1) is present at the time the travel begins; and

(2) provides written permission for the child less than sixteen (16) years of age to travel by public transport to a specified destination.

(c) The owner or operator of the public transport shall preserve the written permission provided by the parent or guardian for at least one (1) year.

Sec. 4. The owner or operator of a public transport who violates section 2 or 3 of this chapter commits a Class B infraction.

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Chapter 4. Right of Inspection

Sec. 1. (a) The parent or guardian of a child less than sixteen (16) years of age has the right to inspect records and other information that are maintained by the owner or operator of a public transport if the records directly relate to travel by the child.

(b) The right of inspection under this chapter expires one (1) year after the date travel undertaken by a child less than sixteen (16) years of age ends.

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